

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

38. (Previously Presented): A method of providing information services to a subscriber, comprising:

at a network component of a communications network, receiving a selection of information services from a subscriber, wherein the selection includes a Directory Number (DN) associated with the subscriber and a frequency with which the subscriber selects to receive the information services and wherein the communication network includes a plurality of subscriber lines, each having a DN associated therewith;

storing the selection of information services, the DN, and the frequency as a subscriber profile relating to the subscriber;

detecting, via the communications network, an off-hook condition at one of the plurality of subscriber lines, wherein the subscriber line relates to the subscriber;

in response to detecting the off-hook condition, determining the DN relating to the subscriber line;

correlating the DN to a plurality of stored subscriber profiles to determine the subscriber profile relating to the DN;

consulting the subscriber profile relating to the subscriber to determine the information services selected by the subscriber;

based on the frequency and the selection of information services in the subscriber profile, determining information services to provide to the subscriber; and

providing the information services to the subscriber via the communications network in place of a dial tone.

39. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 38, further comprising:

via the same subscriber line, receiving a pass code relating to a different subscriber;

using the pass code to locate a different stored subscriber profile relating to the different subscriber;

using the different subscriber profile to determine information services to provide to the different subscriber; and

providing the information services to the different subscriber via the communications network.